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the eight streets playground



When it rained, the old Eight Streets Playground was a mud hole. It was unsafe and unattractive; it blighted a neighborhood that was struggling to improve.

But, by working together, the people of this South End community and the Boston Redevelopment Authority changed a shabby lot into an urban park that is the pride of neighbors who helped design it.

Together, the Eight Streets Neighborhood Association and Boston Redevelopment Authority landscape architects planned a playground that would serve everyone.

Everyone, the young and the old, took an interest in its progress.







The multi-level layout of the park forms natural, flexible divisions between play areas for children, teenagers and adults. A sunken basketball court, with floodlights for night play, serves teens and young adults. Imaginative concrete playforms, a tot-lot and hop-scotch areas are available for children. Shaded checker tables, shuffle board courts and benches await older people. Look at the Eight Streets Park and you will see what a neighborhood can do. You'll see a focal point of the community built out of a working partnership of people of the Eight Streets neighborhood and the Boston Redevelopment Authority. You will see a useful, imaginative park that can serve as an example for all urban communities. And *most important*, you will see the progress that comes from a spirit of cooperation.

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